

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Office Action

The paragraphing of the Examiner is adopted.

Specification

The Examiner requires the first paragraph of the specification to be amended to indicate that the parent application has issued as US Patent No. 6,712,367.

Applicants have attended to this update.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 2, 17-18, and 20-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner suggests deletion of the term "ring surface". Applicants agree and amend the claim accordingly.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - Double Patenting

Claims 1-7, 17-18, 20-28 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,367.

Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer, removing the grounds for the rejection.

U.S. Application No. 10/780,200
AMENDMENT A

Attorney Docket No.: 3827.124

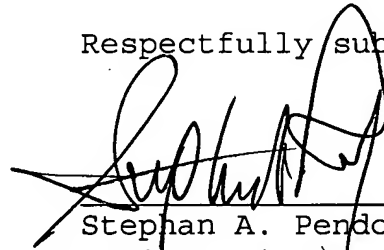
Allowable Claims

Claims 8-16, 19, and 29 are allowed.

Applicants submit that in view of the above, all claims are allowed.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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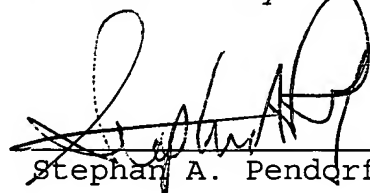
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing AMENDMENT A for U.S. Application No. 10/780,200 filed February 17, 2004, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **June 15, 2005**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application, except for the issue fee, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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